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IDAHO STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CHIEF OF TECHNOLOGY RETURNS TO WORKING WITH STUDENTS

(BOISE) – Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra announced today that Will Goodman, Chief Technology Officer will be leaving the department on June 30, 2015. The reason for this change is to be closer to family and be more directly involved with the education process. Goodman has been with the department since Superintendent Ybarra took office in January. He has supported the department during the legislative session, with the transition of the Idaho Education Network and also the review and reduction of the statewide data collection system, ISEE.

“Will has been an integral part of the office transition, and has accomplished the tasks that were placed before him in this short time,” Superintendent Ybarra said. “Being close to family is important, and he will again be a great asset for the students in the Mountain Home School District.”

Goodman will be returning to the Mountain Home School District as their Technology Director to oversee their network infrastructure and other technologies, but is largely making the change to spend more time with family.

“It has been a great experience working at the department,” Goodman said. “I appreciate the opportunity to work with Superintendent Ybarra, her staff, legislators, as well as many other groups working to move education forward in Idaho.” Goodman continued by saying, “The reason for this change is simple; I want to spend more time with my family.”

Superintendent Ybarra also announced that Chris Campbell has been named as the department’s new Chief Technology Officer. Campbell is currently the department’s Region 1 and 2 Regional Education Technology Coordinator working with school districts on data uploads and technology support. “I look forward to working in this new capacity,” Campbell said. “This is an opportunity to take my past experience of working at the district level to better assist and meet the needs of schools.”

Prior to working at the department, Campbell served over 7 years as the Director of Technology for the Genesee Joint School District. As Director of Technology he was responsible for all district technologies, technology professional development, and assisted teachers with integrating technology into their classrooms.

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